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Letter dated 9 June 1998 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In follow-up to my letter to you dated yesterday, 8 June 1998 (A/52/947-S/1998/481), regarding the ongoing illegal Israeli actions in Jerusalem, I wish to inform you further that the Interior Ministry of Israel, the occupying Power, today approved the construction of 58 housing units for Jewish settlers in the area of the Mount of Olives in occupied East Jerusalem. The decision is yet another example of the pursuit, by the Government of Israel, of an intensified expansionist policy for the colonization and judaization of Arab Jerusalem, with the support of lunatic Jewish settler groups and the illegal municipality of Jerusalem.

Such actions demonstrate clearly the intransigence of the Israeli Government and its persistence in defying the will of the international community and in violating international law and United Nations resolutions. In this context, it is imperative for the international community to take measures in order to confront these Israeli policies and actions, to ensure respect for international law and to prevent further escalation of the situation in the whole region.

The Security Council, as the body responsible for the maintenance of international peace and security, should formally consider the situation with a view to taking the necessary actions in this regard.

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the present letter distributed as a document of the fifty-second session of the General Assembly, under agenda items 36, 37 and 87, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dr. Nasser AL-KIDWA
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to the United Nations